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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT : Promotion of [REDACTED]

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25X1A 1. In furtherance of discussions held with you, and based upon previous indication of concurrence from the Deputy Director (Support) and the Agency Comptroller, I should like to formally recommend [REDACTED] for promotion from the grade of GS-14, which he now holds, to that of GS-15, at which level the position of Project Comptroller has been recently established.

25X1A 2. In the unique financial operations of Project AQUATONE, I believe [REDACTED] has demonstrated a considerable versatility in conscientiously administering a complex system of diversified disbursements which system he has personally established. He has proven the intrinsic worth of his extensive experience in both Government and CIA financial management, and I consider his perseverance and personal devotion to duty as exceptional. In those instances where acceptable solutions require departure from standard CIA management procedures, he has carefully threaded his way to sound decisions, yet with a promptness that has resulted in no disruption of Project affairs.

3. For Project AQUATONE he has for almost a year devised, established and maintained systems and procedures pertaining to the preparation of the budget, allocation of funds, obligations, audits, payments, accountings, reports and instructions for both departmental and field installations. In addition, he has conducted personal liaison with senior Agency officials, as well as executives in other Government departments, and with Management and Comptroller personnel in the offices of contractors with whom the Project does business. I am sure that I share with you a confidence in [REDACTED] ability that merits the recognition afforded by the promotion which I herewith propose.

25X1A 4. I should also like to mention the conviction I have that the unusual requirements of Project AQUATONE have been as valuable to [REDACTED] as his services have been to us. He has demonstrated an increasing personal flexibility in the conduct of his affairs that is gratifying to watch. As a matter of record, [REDACTED] has been in his present grade in excess of four years. Your concurrence in this recommendation for promotion is earnestly requested.

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